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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF COMINFORMIST LEADER PEROVIC

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1. FURTHER TO REFTTEL, WHILE BULGARIA IS OFTEN REFERRED TO  
AS THE SWITZERLAND OF THE EAST AND PEROVIC RUMORED TO HAVE  
BEEN IN SOFIA AT SOME POINT SINCE HE LEFT THE SOVIET UNION  
IN 1975, HIS LAWYER HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT PEROVIC  
GRABBED BY YUGOSLAV SECRET SERVICE IN "PARADISIO", YES  
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PARADISIO, SWITZERLAND--LOVERS OF EVEN BAD SPY NOVELS  
WOULD NEVER SWALLOW THIS TALE. BUT THIS LATEST IN A LONG  
YUGOSLAV-BALKAN TRADITION OF PEOPLE SNATCHING AND  
ASSASSINATIONS DID TAKE PLACE, LAST SUMMER AND IN  
THE MANNER DESCRIBED BY VARIOUS WESTERN PRESS  
DISPATCHES FROM BELGRADE IN RECENT WEEKS--WHICH  
WE ASSUME READERS OF THE PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE AND

THE WASHINGTON POST HAVE SEEN.

2. LAWYER BAROVIC HAD FOLLOWING TO ADD TO WHAT HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS: PRIOR TO TRIP TO SWITZERLAND, PEROVIC WAS IN ISRAEL VISITING WIFE'S MOTHER AND SISTER WHO ARE JEWISH EMIGRES FROM THE SOVIET UNION OF RECENT VINTAGE. PEROVIC HIMSELF HAS ONLY AN ISRAELI PASSPORT TO TRAVEL ON--THOUGH HE PROBABLY WILL NOT NEED IT NOW FOR ANOTHER DECADE OR TWO. WHILE HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE KIEV IN 1975 BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AFTER GOY PRESSURES, HE HAS LOST NONE OF HIS PRO-SOVIET PASSION. LAWYER ASCRIBES THIS IN PART TO PEROVIC'S SUCCESS IN KIEV WHERE HE ACHIEVED THE STATUS OF A FULL PROFESSOR. PEROVIC HIMSELF CLAIMS THAT OTHER YUGOSLAV COMMUNIST EMIGRES IN THE SOVIET UNION BECAME DISILLUSIONED BECAUSE THEY NEVER ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BECOME FULLY INTEGRATED INTO SOVIET SOCIETY AND NEVER FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE CHANGES WHICH ARE UNDER WAY THERE. HE CITED DAPCEVIC AS AN EXAMPLE OF MAN WHO WANDERED OFF TO MAOIST-NEW LEFTIST VIEW--WHICH TENDS TO CONFIRM ARGUMENT DAPCEVIC HIMSELF MADE DURING HIS TRIAL LAST YEAR (AFTER HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY GOY IN ROMANIA) THAT HE IS NO LONGER PRO-SOVIET.

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3. BAROVIC SAYS THAT HIS CLIENT IS IN VERY BAD SHAPE BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DUE TO DRUGS USED IN HIS KIDNAPPING AND TO TREATMENT OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS IN JAIL. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN THE TRIAL WILL BE HELD. IN THE MEANTIME HE IS CONTEMPLATING SUING THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, AS AN INDIRECT WAY OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE GOY--WHOM HE HAS NO DOUBT PULLED OFF THIS HEIST. SWISS EMBASSY HERE SAYS THEY STILL HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO PROSECUTE. OFFICIAL YUGOSLAVS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED CASE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE GOY INVOLVEMENT BUT THEY BARELY CONCEAL THEIR PLEASURE AND PRIDE. AND FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CAME CLOSE TO OPEN ADMISSION WHEN HE TOLD FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT LAST WEEK THAT GOY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE WHATEVER MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT ITSELF. EAGLEBURGER

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